

## U. S. IS IMPREGNABLE NO LONGER, SAYS GEN. COX

Aircraft Can Raid America at Will According to Coast Artillery Chief.

### MAKES REPORT TO BAKER

Cost to Fortify Boston Alone Will Be \$20,000,000, Which Allows Only Half-Size Guns That Defend Paris.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—National security and immunity from attack "can never be guaranteed with the same certainty as in the past," Major-General Cox, chief of coast artillery, declared in his annual report, made public today. Rapid development of aircraft during the world war, the report said, made it impossible to hold off hostile operations from the area of the United States.

"It is probable that only students of military affairs realize that a revolutionary change has taken place in the possibilities of defense," General Cox says. "The development of aircraft has changed all this completely. Combat in three dimensions means that immunity from hostile operations can be secured only by the establishment of a defensive surface. It is quite impossible to establish such a surface having the qualities of the old defensive lines."

The coast artillery corps having been charged with the duty of developing defense against aircraft operations, General Cox said, a tentative plan for providing the city of Boston alone with anti-aircraft guns and armament was made, and the estimate of the cost was \$20,000,000.

"This involves the installation of but little more than one-half the number of guns that protected Paris," General Cox observed. "If the figures are startling, I can only say that, in my opinion, they are conservative, rather than extravagant. I do not present them for any sensational purpose."

"I do not believe that any clair-thinking man can visualize an international situation likely to develop in this generation which would involve Boston in an attack from the air. For the immediate present the physical limitations upon the radius of action of aircraft would make such an attack almost impossible, but development of aircraft may, in a few short years, change the whole aspect of the relation of this continent to others."

The present anti-aircraft artillery considered most effective, the report says, is a 4.7 inch gun on a caterpillar mount. Much work has been done during the year, the report states, on developing the fourteen-inch types of gun for railroad car mounts, which are intended as a mobile addition to the permanent coast defenses of the United States.

**Discusses International Questions.** TOKYO, Nov. 25.—Thirteen influential societies of Japan have been summoned to a conference which is to inaugurate a plan for a nation-wide expression of opinion on Japanese-American questions.

## PANAMA PROTESTS U. S. ENCROACHMENT ON LAND

Natives Present Memorial to Harding, Asking "Big Brother" Policy Toward Them.

### FEAR MILITARY DOMINATION

Many Isthmian Problems Are Crowded Upon President-Elect on Thanksgiving Day—Senator Makes No Comment, However.

BY WINNER R. HARRIS. BALBOA, PANAMA, Nov. 25.—Fears for the safety of the republic of Panama and the Panama Canal in the event of Japanese hostilities, a vigorous protest on behalf of the people of Colon against the alleged encroachments by the United States on Panamanian territory, independence and sovereignty, the serious fuel problem, the question of liquor as it affects the canal defenses, and the labor trouble among the canal employees—all these were crowded upon President-Elect Harding on this day of his vacation in the Canal Zone.

Most of this reached Senator Harding in dinner gossip and in other informal talks except the Canal protest, which was embodied in a printed memorial signed by 750 persons, and the labor question, a delegation seeking the conference to urge improvement of the betterment of working conditions, lower prices at the commissary and adequate housing.

The Senator had no comment to make, however. **Japan Menace Talk Rife.** Talk of the Japanese menace is rife in the Canal Zone. It is more imminent, it is believed here, than in any other part of the United States. It is accepted that the Canal would be the first objective of a Japanese attack, and this is held forth as emphasizing the need for the strongest sort of defenses.

The acquisition of land for this purpose is apparently, who caused the Canal protest. The United States, following General Pershing's inspection, took over Tobago Island on the Pacific side, under the 1904 treaty, at its then value. The Panamanians feel that this practically was confiscation and one of a series of aggressions. The protest presented today said: "Day by day the United States is taking part of our territory, and little by little destroying our sovereignty, disguising its acts under an appearance of friendship and a spirit of helpfulness."

### CREATE NEW COURT

**Not for Our Integrity.** "For the defense of the canal and not for our territorial integrity, the protection of our sovereignty and the perpetuation of our independence, the United States requests the Plains of Aguadulce (half way to the Costa Rican border). It may come that they will tell us of the necessity of asking for the rest" (the remaining Panamanian territory.)

The signers declare that all this amounts to a horrible crime, and they ask for a big brother policy in the hope that the episode of the military domination in Haiti and Santo Domingo will not be repeated.

will be supreme in constitutional disputes and accusations against ministers, the President of the republic and the Chancellor.

### TELL BRITISH BIRTH RATE

Fewer Born in England and Wales in 1919 Than in 1918.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The number of births recorded in England and Wales in 1919, was 692,438, including 41,283 illegitimate, a birth rate of 13.5 per 1,000 of the population, says the annual medical report of the Ministry of Health.

In 1918, a record year, there were 945,271 births or more than 250,000 greater than last year.

### Offer Venizelos Presidency.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 24.—Armenians here are discussing the possibility of offering the presidency of the Armenian republic to former Premier Venizelos, of Greece.

### AWAKEN PUBLIC CONSCIENCE TO NEEDS OF STATE

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class, meaning that each has active committees working on all of the following six subjects: public health, schooling, farming, good roads, recreation and social and civic conditions. Mrs. Munford thanked the county superintendents for their active support of her organization and lauded the perseverance with which the rural teachers, especially those in the one-room schools, have tackled their problem of awakening the public conscience to community needs.

**Gives Population Figures.** Congressman Moore opened his address with the statement from the

Federal census records that in 1920 more than 60 per cent of the country's population was found in the cities, where ten years ago the rural sections had the greater proportion of population. He showed that forty-five Virginia counties had lost population in the last census, while fifty-two showed a decrease in farming operations. He followed Mrs. Munford's plea for rousing the individual citizen to a sense of his responsibility with a call to the women voters never to relax their grip on the suffrage that has been given them.

Dr. Judd, of Chicago, was a speaker at a general session of the conference yesterday morning as well. In the morning he contrasted the general education system of Europe with that of America, stressing this country's untold advantages in free high schools, and in the evening he touched on the same subject, while speaking specifically on the best means by which to teach reading in the elementary grades. He picked upon the fourth grade as being the one most needing attention from the grade teachers, as that is the stage at which most children fall in their early training.

**Attacks "Jazz" Music.** Miss Margaret M. Streeter was a speaker before yesterday morning's general session. She attacked the popular "jazz" music of the day as detrimental to the musical tastes of children and pleaded for a return to the study of the older ballads and

the musical selections connected with folklore. She pointed out that many States have directors of music in their educational departments. She also illustrated a musical reproduction machine which she advocates for use in this State.

In the House of Delegates yesterday morning, H. J. Watkins, of Halifax, presided at a meeting of trustees and division superintendents. The principal speaker was Mr. Hart, who discussed the changes that will be made as a result of the last constitutional amendments affecting the educational system. He also touched upon teachers' salaries, but without recommending that a minimum salary limit should be established.

The college and secondary school group held a meeting yesterday morning in Mechanics' Institute, at which Principal Harrington Waddell, president and Dr. Kremer J. Hoke, professor of education at William and Mary College, was the chief speaker. He talked on the "Value of School Tests." Following this, Dr. James G. Johnson, of Charlottesville, spoke on "The State High School Course of Study in English From the Superintendent's Viewpoint." Dr. J. L. Manahan, of the University of Virginia, closed the program, speaking on "College and University Credit for Normal School Work." Professor E. E. Smith, of the local school system, was to have spoken on "Vocational Secondary Education in City Schools," but will deliver this talk today at a meeting of the same group.

**Present County Reports.** There was a largely attended meeting of the Co-operative Education Association yesterday morning, at which county reports were presented and these will be continued again this morning in room 112, John Marshall. Miss Julia Atkinson, of the Fredericksburg Normal School, and Miss Florence Stubbs, of the Woman's Normal School, at Farmville, were the principal speakers yesterday, touching upon agricultural matters mainly.

Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, president of William and Mary College, will speak this morning in Mechanics' Institute to the college and secondary school group. Dr. Enlow G. Williams, State Health Commissioner, will give the principal address at the session of the co-operative body. The Kindergarten Association will gather at Binford Junior High to hear Dr. Judd, and the home economics section will gather in room 202.

In the afternoon Dr. Thomas J. Farrar, of Washington and Lee, will speak before the Modern Language section in room 202. John Marshall, on "Teach German—Why?" Dr. E. E. Blackwell, president of Randolph-Macon, and many professors of that and other State institutions, will be heard at the English teachers' section in the Administrative Building this afternoon.

The text-book committee of the Virginia Society of History Teachers, at a meeting of that body yesterday

expressed dissatisfaction with some of the books now in use, and asked for authority to make a report on current works to the State Board of Education. Dr. Blackwell, of Randolph-Macon, represented the War History Commission in the absence of Arthur Kyle Davis, head of that body. Miss Mary E. Pidgeon, of the University of Virginia, led a round-table discussion on citizenship.

Dr. S. C. Mitchell was chosen president for the coming year; Miss Hensie Randolph, of Farmville, first vice-president; Dr. R. L. Morton, of Williams and Mary, second vice-president; Earl C. Swann, of Williams and Mary, third vice-president; Miss Katharine Wicker, of this city, secretary; Dr. J. M. Lear, of Farmville, treasurer, and Miss Isabelle Field, of Stony Creek, press secretary.

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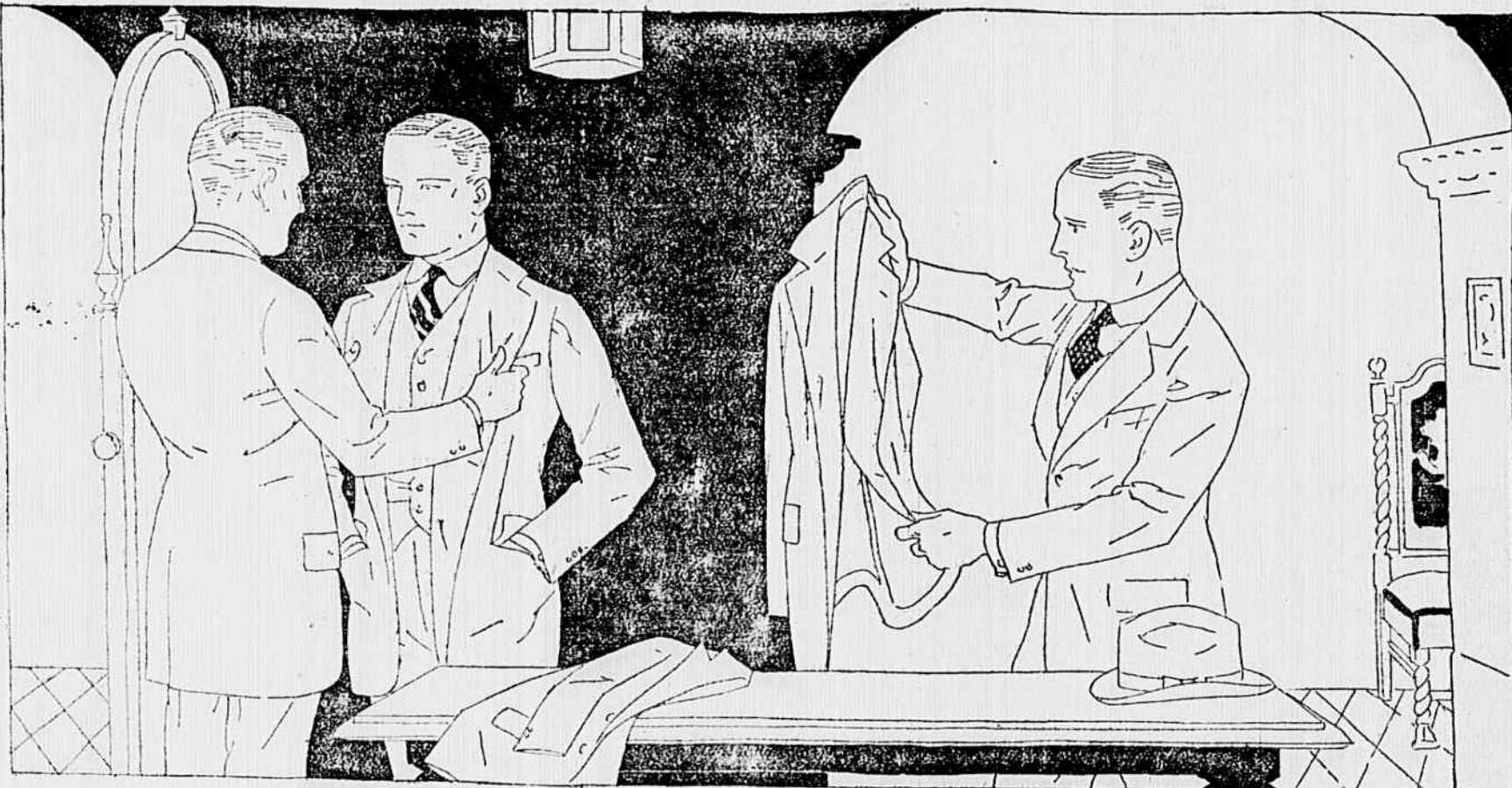
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